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Tri-Party Agreement

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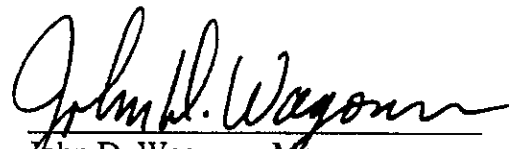
Dear Mr. Hotarek:


APPROVAL OF HANFORD FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT AND CONSENT ORDER (TRI-PARTY AGREEMENT) COMMITMENTS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION'S 200 AREA SOIL REMEDIATION STRATEGY (M-13-00) AND (M-20-00)


Thank you for your comments and observation on the proposed changes to the Tri-Party Agreement. The Tri-Parties have developed joint responses to your concerns and/or observations. These responses are provided as an enclosure to this letter.

On behalf of the U.S. Department of Energy, the Washington State Department of Ecology, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, we thank you for your interest in this important project.

Sincerely,


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Response to Comments on Milestone M-13-00 and M-20-00 Change Request Public
Comment Period

COMMENT #1: Spell out acronyms first time used, such as RI/FS (Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study) and RFI/CMS (RCRA Facility Investigation/Corrective Measure Study).

RESPONSE: The Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order Change Control Form was prepared following the existing format of the Tri-Party Agreement. The Tri-Party Agreement contains an appendix (Appendix A) that defines terms and acronyms. However, not everyone may have ready access to this document, and we will in the future attempt to make our documents more user friendly.

COMMENT #2: Define and/or provide guidance on Work Plans and Implementation Plans content. Example, see Tri-Party Agreement Handbook for requirements for Work/Implementation Plan.

RESPONSE: A work plan describes all activities from the start of the field investigation through the proposed selection of a remedy for cleanup. Specific requirements for work plans are addressed in the Tri-Party Agreement. The intent of the Implementation Plan is to capture generic information relative to the 200 Area to minimize duplication in future work plans. Secondly, the Implementation Plan will serve as the foundation for describing the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act process, Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation & Liability Act process and how and where the integration of these regulations and requirements will be addressed for the 200 Area Waste Site Groupings. Specific content requirements for the Implementation Plan are currently being established by the Tri-Parties.